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**BAGLESS CANISTER VACUUM CLEANER**

the specification of which

[XX] is attached hereto

[ ] was filed on  
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## Prior Foreign Application

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60/230,287	01/September/2000	[ ] additional provisional application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet attached
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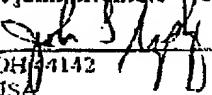
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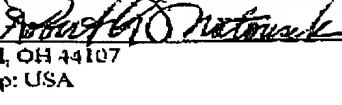
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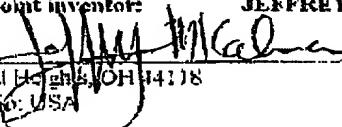
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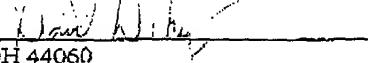
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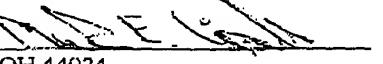
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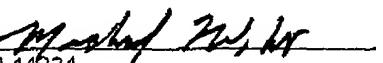
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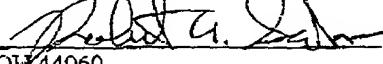
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